THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) 16.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Due to its fleet constraint it is not possible for DTC to introduce any new services. However, route Nos. 236, 335, 336, 338, 344, 372 & 622 are already available at INA bus stand for Trans Yamuna areas which is a walkable distance from Safdarjung Terminal. Alternatively the commuters of the area may also avail change-over facility at Central Secretariat, ITO, Shahadra etc. for reaching their destination.

Bus service between Kendriya Terminal and Indrapuri

3007. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the frequency of bus plying on route number 265 between Kendriya Terminal and Indrapuri (Loni Border);

(b) whether it is a fact that the number of commuters has increased many fold and skelton bus service on this route is not sufficient to meet the requirement of daily commuters travelling between these two destinations;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to introduce a new bus route between Kendriya Terminal and Indrapuri to provide better transport facilities to the commuters travelling between these two destinations; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) There are 4 DTC buses operating in this route with a frequency of 30 minutes during the peak hours (from 8.00 A.M. to 11.00 A.M. and 4.00 P.M. to 7.30 P.M.), and 60 minutes during the non-peak hours.

Apart from the DTC buses there are 2 buses under STA permit which operate on this route. The operating details are as under:—

Indrapuri	Kendriya Terminal
6.50	8.12
9.20	10.42
9.40	11.40
12.50	14.12
14.40	16.02
17.10	18.40
18.07	19.32
20.40	22.10

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Due to its fleet constraint, it is not possible for DTC to add more buses on this route. However, the residents of Indrapuri (Loni Border) may reach their destination by availing of a single change at ISBT, ITO etc.

The Transport Department had entrusted a study of routes to Rail India Techno and Economic Services to device new routes in a rational and scientific manner. The report of the RITES was also examined by a Committee constituted by STA.

The RITES have recommended two timings for Indrapuri-Kendriya Terminal route. For peak hours 15 minutes frequency and for non-peak hours 30 minutes frequency. Total number of buses recommended by the RITES in this route is 12.

Recommendations of the Committee to Investigate Road Accidents in Delhi

3008. DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a six members Committee headed by Shri Ved Marwah was appointed to investigate the reasons of increasing road accidents in Delhi and to furnish suggestions for the remedy of the same;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the

committee was asked to submit its report in a stipulated period;

(c) if so, what was the time-limit of that period, and whether Government have received the report in that stipulated period; and

(d) if so, what are the recommendations of the Committee and if the report has not been received so far what are the reasons therefor and by when the report is going to be submitted in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Committee has been allowed to submit its report by 31st Dec., 1993.

Privatisation of Port facilities at Calcutta Port Trust

3009. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Calcutta Port Trust has any plan to go in for privatisation of Port facilities; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Two berths at Haldia Dock Complex and one at Calcutta Port have already been allotted to private parties. Government have also given 'in principle' approval for leasing Netaji Subhash dry docks 1 & 2 alongwith adjacent lands and wet berth alongwith adjacent lands to a private party.

Concessions to Handicapped persons in DTC

3010. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the facilities in regard to transport and other concessions provided to handicapped persons by the D.T.C. and other State Roadways; and

(b) What is the procedure by which they can avail of such facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) DTC issues travel concession passes to the handicapped for such categories for whom reservation has already been made by Government of India, provided the disability in each individual case is certified by the Director of Social Welfare, Delhi Administration. DTC also provides 50% concession to the attendent accompanying the blind person in city and suburban routes, except Palam Coach, Green Line, Tourist and Inter-State Services.

Apart from the above, two seats in the front row of the left side in a bus are reserved for the convenience of the handicapped persons. These persons are also allowed to enter and alight through the front gate.

As per information available, many SRTCs have got schemes by which physically handicapped, mentally retarded and blind people travel at concessional rates which are varying from State to State. In some States on production of a certificate handicapped persons are allowed to travel at a flat rate of Rs.5/- per month in city buses. Blind persons are allowed to travel in city as well as mofussul routes in case of some STUs.